

Additional information with regard to item 5 of the agenda

Election of the independent auditor of the annual and consolidated financial statements for the 2017 financial year and the auditor for a possible audit review of the abridged financial statements and interim management report in the 2017 financial year as well as for a possible audit review of additional interim financial information

The independent auditor for the annual financial statements and consolidated financial statements is elected by the shareholders at the annual general meeting in accordance with applicable statutory provisions.

In line with a corresponding recommendation made by the Finance and Audit Committee, the Supervisory Board proposes the Warth & Klein Grant Thornton AG Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft, with registered offices in Düsseldorf, to be appointed to act as independent auditor of the annual and consolidated financial statements for the 2017 financial year and the auditor for a possible audit review of the abridged financial statements and interim management report pursuant to Section 37w (5) and Section 37y No. 2 of the German Securities Trading Act (Wertpapierhandelsgesetz) in the 2017 financial year as well as for a possible audit review of additional interim financial information pursuant to Section 37w (7) and Section 37y No. 2 of the German Securities Trading Act (Wertpapierhandelsgesetz) in the 2017 financial year and in the 2018 financial year until the next annual general meeting.

The Warth & Klein Grant Thornton AG Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft has notified the Finance and Audit Committee in writing that there are no commercial, financial, personal or other relationships between itself, its executive bodies and lead auditors on the one hand and the Company and its executives on the other hand that could raise doubts about its independence. Furthermore, the Warth & Klein Grant Thornton AG Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft has notified the Finance and Audit Committee in writing, that itself and partners, senior managers and managers, conducting the statutory audit are independent from the audited entity.

The Warth & Klein Grant Thornton AG Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft has been the financial statements auditor and the consolidated financial statements auditor of Berentzen-Gruppe Aktiengesellschaft since financial year 2016. The undersigned auditors of the auditor's opinions for the annual and consolidated financial statements of Berentzen-Gruppe Aktiengesellschaft are Dr. Thomas Senger (since financial year 2016) and Mr. Ronald Rulfs (since financial year 2016).

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The Executive Board